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## AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated October 21, 1991 rejecting Claims 104-109, 113-118, 125-137 and 140-144 in the pending application. A Petition and Fee for a three month extension of the period for response is filed herewith. Applicants note that the Examiner has withdrawn certain rejections and/or objections from the previous office actions. The current rejections and/or objections are either newly applied or reinstated. These rejections and/or objections constitute the complete set presently being applied to this application. Applicants respectfully traverse the present rejections and request reconsideration and withdrawal thereof in view of the following amendments and remarks.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 8, delete the word "phosphorous" and insert the word --phosphorus--.

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